(b) Joint Forest Management, Eco-development in protected areas, social and farm forestry, soil and moisture conservation, capacity building of forestry personnel and communities and applied research are some of the salient features of the Gujarat Forestry Development Project. The proposed project is for a period of five years with an estimated cost of Rs. 2673 crores.

(c) The project is proposed to be posed to the Japan Bank of International Cooperation during 2003-04.

Demand and supply of fire wood

† 1837. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any plan to remove the imbalance between the demand and supply of fire wood;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the arrangement being made to remove this imbalance?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALLU): (a) and (b) Government has already formulated a National Forestry Action Programme which includes programme for improving forestry productivity through rehabilitation of degraded forests, research and technology development, assisting private initiatives with community participation and reduction of demand on forests by efficient utilisation of fuelwood and extensive bio-mass plantations.

(c) Does not arise.

Killing of snow-leopards in Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park

1838. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR.AKHILESHDAS:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to State:

(a) whether dozens of snow leopards, Siberian tigers and pandas have died or have been killed in the high altitude Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, during the last five years;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.